GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Special Courts-Specifying the jurisdiction of Sixteen (16) Special Courts for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 sanctioned, at certain Districts - Notification-Orders-Issued.

LAW (L, LA & J-HOME-COURTS-A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 67 **Dated: 01-07-2021**

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Ms.No.121, Law (L,LA8d-Home-Courts-A) Department, dated 26.09.2019.
2) G.O.Ms.No.93, Law (L,LA & J-Home-Courts-A) Department, dated 25.08.2020
3) From the Registrar(Admin.), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, R.O.C. NO. 424/E1/2019, Dated.27-05-2021.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued sanctioning establishment of Eight (8) Special Courts in the Cadre of District Judge in the Districts of Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, SPS Nellore, Prakasam, Visakhapatnam and West Godavari. The Courts shall have jurisdiction for entire district for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, orders were issued sanctioning establishment of Eight (8) Special Courts in the Cadre of District Judge in the Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapuramu, West Godavari (at) Bhimavaram, Guntur (at) Tenali and Krishna (at) Machilipatnam. The Courts shall have jurisdiction for the specified area for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Registrar (Administration), High Court of Andhra Pradesh requested the Government to issue a notification specifying the jurisdiction of the Sixteen (16) Special Courts for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 established at Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, SPS Nellore, Prakasam, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapuramu, West Godavari (at) Bhimavaram, Guntur (at) Tenali and Krishna (at) Machilipatnam.

4. The following notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Extraordinary.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (1) of Section 28 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Act No.32 of 2012), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, sanctioned (8) Special Courts in the cadre of District Judge in the Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapuramu, West Godavari at Bhimavaram, Guntur (at) Tenali and Krishna (at) Machilipatnam vide G.O.Ms.No.93, Law (L, LA & J-Home Courts. A) Department, dated 25.08.2020 for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), in addition to the (8) Special Courts already sanctioned in the cadre of District Judge in the Districts of Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, SPSR Nellore, Prakasam, Visakhapatnam and West Godavari vide G.O.Ms.No.121, Law (L, LA & J-Home-Courts. A) Department, dated 26.09.2019 as published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Part -I Extraordinary vide Notification No.685, dated 26.09.2019 for providing a speedy trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act).

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Now, in view of the establishment of 8 more Special Courts in the cadre of District Judge in the Districts of Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, SPSR Nellore, Prakasam, Visakhapatnam and West Godavari for trial and disposal of cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) as mentioned above, in partial modification of Notification No.698, dated 01.10.2019, the said 16 Special Courts will sit at the places specified in the column (3) and shall have and exercise jurisdiction over the areas shown in Column 4 of the Table below:

SL.NO	NAME OF THE COURT	PLACE OF SITTING	THE AREA OVER WHICH THE COURT EXERCISES JURISDICATION.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Special Courts for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), 1. Chittoor, 2. East Godavari, 3. Nellore, 4. Prakasam, 5. Visakhapatnam, 6. Srikakulam, 7. Vizianagaram, 8. Kurnool, 9. Kadapa and 10. Anantapuramu,	Chittoor Kakinada Nellore Ongole Visakhapatnam Srikakulam Vizianagaram Kurnool Kadapa Anantapuramu	Over the entire District.
2	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), Krishna at Machilipatnam.	Machilipatnam	Over the entire Revenue District of Krishna at Machilipatnam i.e., other than Metropolitan area of Vijayawada.
3	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), Krishna at Vijayawada.	Vijayawada	Over the entire Metropolitan area of Vijayawada.
4	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), Guntur.	Guntur	Over the entire Revenue Divisions of Guntur, Narasaraopet and Gurazala.
5	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), Guntur at Tenali.	Tenali	Over the Revenue Division of Tenali.
6	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), West Godavari at Eluru.	Eluru	Over the entire Revenue division of Eluru and Kovvur.

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7	Special Court for trial of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), West Godavari at Bhimavaram.	Bhimavaram	Over the Revenue Division of Narasapuram which includes Bhimavaram.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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